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TYPHUS COMMISSION AWARDS

By the direction of the President the United States Typhus Commission Medal was awarded by the War Department to the following Medical Department officers:

Captain Byron L. Bennett, SnC.

"For meritorious service in connection with the work of the United States of America Typhus Commission. Proceeding to the Middle East with the first expedition of the Commission, Captain Bennett assumed charge of the technical direction of the Commission's laboratory at Cairo. Despite the handicap of limited facilities, he maintained standards of technical accuracy. Later stationed at the Army Medical School, Captain Bennett has continued to serve the Commission. The results of laboratory tests and research conducted by Captain Bennett have materially aided the field studies of the several main varieties of typhus fever."

Lieutenant Colonel John Crayton Snyder, MC.

"For exceptionally meritorious service in connection with the work of the United States of America Typhus Commission. The development of the Commission's research and diagnostic laboratory at Cairo, Egypt, is largely attributed to the vision, devotion, and energy of Colonel Snyder. Since early in 1943, he has devoted himself unremittingly to the laboratory and clinical investigation of typhus fever. With interests extending beyond the laboratory, he has participated in the development and trial of promising new methods for the serumtherapy and chemotherapy of typhus. He applied his expert clinical and laboratory knowledge to the actual control of typhus fever during the outbreak of the disease at Naples, where he had charge of the organization and operation of the case-finding service. One of the few thoroughly qualified research workers in the field of typhus in America, Colonel Snyder has devoted himself untiringly to laboratory and clinical investigations which have resulted in new knowledge and increased power to control typhus fever."

Major Charles M. Wheeler, SnC.

"For exceptionally meritorious service in connection with the work of the United States of America Typhus Commission. Ever since he became a member of the Commission in 1943, Major Wheeler has pursued a straightforward and highly effective course in the investigation, improvement, and application of delousing methods, using insecticides for the control of typhus. The results of his field investigations, in conjunction with other studies, have favorably influenced the entire Army program. Proceeding from field studies in Egypt, Major Wheeler had charge of a main portion of the delousing program during the fight against the epidemic of typhus at Naples. He organized this work with foresight and carried it out with characteristic efficiency. Major Wheeler rendered distinguished practical service in the actual control of outbreaks of typhus fever. Through his tact and ability in dealing with both individuals and masses of people, and through his sound judgment, courage, tireless efforts, and inspiring leadership, Major Wheeler has rendered service of the highest value to his country."

Major Theodore E. Woodward, MC.

"For exceptionally meritorious service in connection with the work of the United States of America Typhus Commission. At Casablanca, Morocco, Major Woodward, arriving with the invasion forces in 1942, instituted cooperative studies at once with French scientists at the Pasteur Institute with a view to control of the epidemic of typhus at this port and in this region. As a result, protection for American troops was enhanced. Later, as a member of the United States of America Typhus Commission, Major Woodward participated actively in the combat against typhus at Naples and in the Aden Protectorate. Finally, in a position of high responsibility, he was a representative of the Commission in the European Theater of Operations, rendering service to military and civilian agencies, before and during the invasion of Europe. Major Woodward's activities, covering a wide range of original scientific work and administration responsibilities, have been carried out with intelligence, energy, tact, and devotion to the cause of protection of the military forces against typhus."

FIVE MORE TROOP SHIPS TO BE CONVERTED TO HOSPITAL SHIPS

Five more troop ships are being stripped of their armament and converted into United States Army hospital ships in order to insure speedier return of America's combat wounded.

The addition of these new ambulance-type hospital ships will bring the number of hospital ships operated by the Army up to 29 with facilities for transporting more than 18,000 sick and wounded.

Conversion of the new ships, which, together, will be able to carry 5,355 patients, will be completed in about four months. They will be painted white with red crosses and green bands - which insures protection under the Geneva Treaty - and be ready for service by June or July.

The SATURNIA, with a speed of 19 knots and gross tonnage of 24,470, will be the largest and fastest hospital ship afloat. A former Italian luxury liner, built at Trieste, Italy in 1937, she is 630 feet long and will have a capacity of 1,300 litter and 388 ambulatory patients.

The other vessels slated for conversion are the former French liners COLUMBIE, with a capacity of 608 litter and 172 ambulatory patients, and ATHOS II, which will carry 615 litter and 264 ambulatory cases; the former United States liner REPUBLIC, with a capacity of 900 litter and 300 ambulatory patients; and the PRESIDENT TYLER, with a capacity of 650 litter and 158 ambulatory patients.

Two other Army vessels now are under conversion as hospital ships. They are the ERNESTINE KORANDA, named for an Army nurse, and LOUIS A. MILNE, named for a former New York Port surgeon.

Colonel McDowell Named for Promotion

Colonel Rex McKinley McDowell, DC, assistant director of the Dental Division, Office of The Surgeon General, has recently been recommended for promotion to brigadier general.

A native of McDowell, Ohio, Colonel McDowell received his D.D.S. degree from the Dental School of Ohio State University in 1916. He entered the Army the same year as a dental surgeon. He was appointed major in 1917, lieutenant colonel in 1936 and colonel in 1941.

MEDICAL CORPS OFFICERS RECOMMENDED FOR BRIGADIER GENERAL

Three Medical Corps Officers are among those recently recommended by President Roosevelt for the grade of brigadier general, they are: Colonel Robert C. McDonald, Colonel William A. Hagins, and Colonel Charles B. Spruit.

General Lull Stresses Need for Nurses

Major General George F. Lull, U.S.A., The Deputy Surgeon General, addressed a forum at the New York Times Hall, January 25, on "Army Nurse Recruitment." In stressing the rising need for nurses he said, "Last month there were over 30,000 patients brought back to the United States hospitals from overseas by airplane and hospital ship. It is my opinion that when this month ends that number will be greater."

CAPTAIN BARBANO LIAISON OFFICER

Captain Alfred J. Barbano, MC, has been assigned as Liaison Officer to The Adjutant General's Office, for the purpose of securing information from that office on the efficiency reports of Medical Department Officers. He replaces Major Kenneth E. Hudson, who has been assigned to the Eighth Service Command, Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station at Fort Sam Houston, Tex.

Major McGraw Appointed Special Representative

Major John J. McGraw, MC, on duty at Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D.C., has been appointed as Special Representative to The Surgeon General on Plasma and Transfusions.

RECENT PROMOTIONS, MEDICAL CORPS OFFICERS

Lieutenant Colonel to Colonel

LAURENCE ADDISON POTTER, La Crescenta, Calif.
VERNON LOWELL BOLTON, Oklahoma City, Okla.
JAMES BORDLEY, III, Baltimore, Md.
LYMAN KING RICHARDSON, Kansas City, Mo.
ERNEST MARTIN NIELSEN, Elmhurst, Ill.
DURWARD GORHAM HALL, Washington, D.C.

Major to Lieutenant Colonel

MIDDLETON ELLIOTT RANDOLPH, Baltimore, Md.
CAESAR SWEITZER, Chicago, Ill.
WILLARD HENRY CLEVELAND, Attica, N.Y.
ROBERT LEE HARGRAVE, Wichita Falls, Tex.
JOSEPH ROBERT REBILLOT, Litchfield, Ill.
JULIUS SCHREIBER, Stockton, Calif.
THEODORE PAUL SCHOMAKER, San Francisco, Calif.
HAROLD LEROY STEWART, Bethesda, Md.
THOMAS BARNETTE WILSON, Hartsdale, N.Y.
FRITZ JACOB CRAUER, New York, N.Y.
EMIL JOSEPH GENETTI, Bessemer, Mich.
ROBERT NATHAN LEHMAN, Lancaster, Pa.
FRANCISCO JUSTINIANO DY, New York, N.Y.
BENTLEY PRESCOTT COLCOCK, Newton Highlands, Mass.
DOUGLAS DONALD, Detroit, Mich.
GEORGE WHITING HEBARD, New Canaan, Conn.
HERBERT ELDRIGE FLEWELLING, Brooklyn, N.Y.
ERIC PERCY STONE, Providence, R.I.
OSCAR BENNETT MARKEY, Shaker Heights, Ohio
CHARLES RICHARD BARBER, Comstock, N.Y.
CHARLES DIGGES BRANCH, Peoria, Ill.
FREDRICK RICHARD HARPER, Denver, Colo.
ROBERT SIDNEY HAMILTON, Los Angeles, Calif.
LOUIS JENNINGS HAMPTON, Stroudsburg, Pa.
JOHN G. HOOD, Amarillo, Tex.
ALBERT HARTUNE JAMENTZ, Pasadena, Calif.
WILLIAM FREDRICK LOVEBURY, Columbus, Ohio
LEWIS H. MOE, Stilwater, Okla.
IRVIA CLARENCE MUNGER, JR., Van Couver, Wash.
JAMES EDGAR FLINN, Pittsburgh, Pa.
FRANCIS S. CRANE, Wagoner, Okla.
ROBERT ORESTES GARLINGHOUSE, Iowa City, Iowa.
AIMS CHAMBERLAIN McGUINNESS, Chestnut Hill, Pa.

COLONEL AHNFELDT ON "WE THE PEOPLE" PROGRAM

Lieutenant Colonel A. L. Ahnfeldt, MC, Director of the Sanitation and Hygiene Division, Office of The Surgeon General and Executive Chairman of the Army Committee for Insect and Rodent Control was interviewed on the "We the People" radio program about the insecticide DDT. It is used in two ways, he said: As a dusting powder which is effective against lice and other disease-bearing insects; and in the form of an oil spray for killing mosquitoes and flies. Of course DDT is not a cure-all, he said, but in the perpetual war between humans and disease, DDT is one of the most effective health weapons yet discovered by man.

Colonel Ravdin Here

Colonel Isadore Ravdin, MC, commanding officer of a general hospital in India, returned this month for a tour of temporary duty in this country. Shortly after his arrival he visited the Office of The Surgeon General and told of his professional overseas experience.

COLONEL TURNER, NOW ASSISTANT CHIEF

Colonel Thomas B. Turner, MC, has been assigned as Assistant Chief, Preventive Medicine Service, Office of The Surgeon General. He will also continue as Director of the Civil and Public Health Division under the same Service.

GENERAL BLISS DEDICATES MCGUIRE GENERAL HOSPITAL

Brigadier General Raymond W. Bliss, USA, Assistant Surgeon General, dedicated McGuire General Hospital in Richmond, Va., on January 23 as part of the "chain of hospitalization which supports our fighting men overseas." Plans for making the hospital a specialized center for amputations and neurosurgery have been set for the near future, he said.

McGuire General Hospital is named in honor of Dr. Hunter McGuire, a Virginian, who was chief surgeon under the command of General T.J. ("Stonewall") Jackson during the Civil War. Surgeon McGuire held a position in the Confederate Army parallel to that of Surgeon Letterman of the Federal Army.

After the war Dr. McGuire was professor of surgery in the Medical College of Virginia. He conducted classes at bedsides in Chimborazo Hospital, introducing the "bedside case method of instruction."

British Scientists Here

Colonel J. W. Scharff, RAMC, was guest speaker at a joint meeting, January 12, of the Army Committee for Insect and Rodent Control and the Insect Control Committee of the Office of Scientific Research and Development. He outlined experiments performed by the British with DDT in controlling malaria.

At the January 30 meeting of the Army Committee, Doctor F. N. Woodward, Secretary of the Insecticide Development Panel of London, spoke on insecticides and repellents. The Panel, which is similar to the Insect Control Committee of OSRD, is concerned with the administration of insect control investigations in Great Britain.

GENERAL KELSER CONDUCTS SEMINAR

Brigadier General R. A. Kelser, USA, Director of the Veterinary Division, Office of The Surgeon General, conducted a seminar this month at the Civil Affairs Training School, Yale University, on "Animal Diseases, their Importance and Control."

Captain Harvill Cited

Captain Clyde R. Harvill, SnC, of Houston, Tex., has recently been awarded a certificate of merit for his work in restoring the city water system in Brittany. The citation declares that Captain Harvill, "during the period of August 11 to November 30, 1944, by indefatigable effort and devotion to duty, restored city water systems rendered almost useless and highly contaminated as a result of combat destruction. . . . He thus ensured adequate and potable supplies of water, removed a great source of danger to United States and Allied forces and contributed greatly to the success of military activities in the Brittany peninsula."

Captain Harvill was born in Cornhill, Tex., and attended Texas University. He worked for many years in public health and sanitary engineering, and wrote many technical articles on water supply systems. Prior to his entrance into the Army, Captain Harvill was a sanitary engineer in the city water department of Houston. He entered the Army in October of 1942.

MAJOR WOODHALL APPOINTED CONSULTANT

Major Barnes Woodhall, MC, has been appointed as Consultant in Neurosurgery to The Surgeon General. He is now on duty at Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington, D. C.

Major Woodhall received his MD degree from Johns Hopkins University. He was an assistant professor of surgery at the Duke University Medical School and Hospital, and prior to his entrance on active duty with the Army, he was chief of the neurological section, Ashford General Hospital, W. Va.

Colonel Ward Overseas

Lieutenant Colonel Thomas G. Ward, MC, of Thebodaux, La., formerly Assistant Director, Epidemiology Division, Preventive Medicine Service, Office of The Surgeon General, has been assigned as Chief of the Preventive Medicine Service, Office of The Surgeon, Pacific Ocean Area.

NEW ASSIGNMENTS, OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL

MAJOR GEORGE L. GLEESON, MC, of Sharon, Pa., formerly at Fort Lewis, Wash., assigned to Military Personnel Division, Personnel Service.

MAJOR RAMSDELL GURNEY, MC, of Buffalo, formerly at Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, assigned as Chief of the Industrial Medical Program Branch, Occupational Health Division, Preventive Medicine Service.

CAPTAIN ADAIR BAKKER, MAC, of St. Louis, Mo., formerly at St. Louis Medical Depot, assigned to Storage and Maintenance Division, Supply Service.

CAPTAIN ALFRED J. BARBANO, MC, of New Brunswick, N.J., formerly at the Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C., assigned to Military Personnel Division, Personnel Service.

CAPTAIN STANLEY T. CHRYST, MAC, of Iola, Kansas, formerly at Headquarters, Surgeon's Office, Hawaii, assigned to Technical Division, Operations Service.

CAPTAIN JOHN S. HUNT, MC, of Lexington, Ky., formerly at Miami Beach Redistribution Center, assigned to Medical Consultants Division.

CAPTAIN OSCAR McCLUNG, MC, of Lexington, W. Va., formerly at Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Ga., assigned to Military Personnel Division, Personnel Service.

FIRST LIEUTENANT HELEN C. LEWIS, ANC, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, formerly at Dibble General Hospital, Menlo Park, Calif., assigned to Technical Information Division.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ALAN B. HUELLMANTTEL, MAC, of Detroit, Mich., formerly at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., assigned to Military Personnel Division, Personnel Service.

SECOND LIEUTENANT LOUISE M. SCHITT, ANC, of Two Rivers, Wis., formerly at Mayo General Hospital, Galesburg, Ill., assigned to Military Personnel Division, Personnel Service.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROBERT R. KELLEY, of Champaign, Ill., formerly with Office of the Surgeon, United Kingdom, assigned to Supply Service.

DEPARTURES, OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL

COLONEL PAUL I. ROBINSON, MC, of St. Louis, Mo., formerly Supply Service, assigned overseas.

MAJOR WILLIAM H. STEARNS, MC, of New York, N.Y., formerly Medical Consultants Division, assigned to 309th General Hospital, Fort Jackson, S.C.

MAJOR HERMAN SEMENOV, MC, of Beverly Hills, Calif., formerly Military Personnel Division, Personnel Service, assigned to Hoff General Hospital, Santa Barbara, Calif.

CAPTAIN LEWIS F. HUTCHINSON, MAC, of Denver, Colo., formerly Technical Division, Operations Service, assigned to Camp Carson, Colo.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROSEMARY RAJKOWSKI, MDD, of Rice, Minn., formerly Medical Department Dieticians Division, Personnel Service, assigned overseas.

PROMOTIONS, OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL

Lieutenant Colonel to Colonel

DURWARD G. FALL, MC, of Springfield, Mo., Military Personnel Division, Personnel Service.

Captain to Major

GEORGE R. GREENWOOD, MC, of Blakeslee, Pa., Surgical Consultants Division.

HOWARD E. HODGE, MAC, of Philadelphia, Pa., Hospital Division, Operations Service.

GENERAL KING LEAVES SGO

Brigadier General Edgar King, USA, after completing a tour of temporary duty at the Office of The Surgeon General, has left for Fort Lewis, Washington, where he will be Commandant of the Army Service Forces Training Center.

Prior to his tour of duty at The Surgeon General's Office, General King had been Surgeon of the Pacific Ocean Area for five years, and in charge of the medical Staff, Pacific Ocean Area, at the time of Pearl Harbor.

Conference on Convalescent Hospitals

Service Command directors of reconditioning conferred with the commanding officers of convalescent hospitals at Lexington, Va., on January 3, 4 and 5, and discussed problems of organizing and operating convalescent hospitals under the broadening reconditioning program. The conference was addressed by Colonel Augustus Thorndike, MC, Director of the Reconditioning Consultants Division, Office of The Surgeon General, who stressed the continuation of the original mission of reconditioning: to refit men either for return to duty or to civilian life. Other officers who attended from The Surgeon General's Office were: Lieutenant Colonel Walter E. Barton, MC, Major William S. Briscoe, AUS, Major Arthur A. Esslinger, AUS, Major Henry B. Gwynn, MC, Major Edwin M. Loye, AUS, Captain Arthur C. Allen, MAC, Captain Alva R. Dittrick, AUS, Captain John M. Gracie, MAC, and Captain Burton M. Langhenry, MAC.